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MISSOULA--Hoping to avert their seventh straight Skyline loss this season, the Montana Grizzlies charged through offensive and defensive workouts this week with increased vim.

"I frankly think our mental attitude is good, considering that the boys haven't had a victory all season," coach Ray Jenkins said. "We've had one disappointment after another all season, but the desire to win is still evident."

Stopping Colorado State University in this Saturday's tilt at Fort Collins won't be an easy matter, however. The Rams, despite their 1-2 Skyline mark, are always dangerous on their home turf.

"They have one of the speediest backfields in the league, and the whole squad showed terrific hustle and spirit," was the comment of end coach Don Branby, who scouted CSU in their encounter with Utah State last weekend.

The injury situation appears slightly improved. Only gridder unable to play is tailback Bob Everson, who probably won't see action until the Montana State tilt on Nov. 15. End John Lands, the nation's eighth best punter, will probably see action, as will tackle Dick Leenhouts, who injured a knee two weeks ago. Halfback Howard Johnson and fullback Joe Pepe, who turned in a full game against BYU, both appear healthier than at any point previously in the season.

Probable Silvertip starters are Pete Muri and Dale Berry, ends; Charlie Moore and John Gregor, tackles; Stan the Ram Renning and Dale Sparber, guards; Jim Johnson, center; Phil Griffin, quarterback; Jerry Connors, wingback; Johnson, tailback; and Pepe, fullback.

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Four Grizzlies will probably see double-duty Saturday. Tom Sorenson has been working at both fullback and end, Pepe at fullback and tailback, Bob Nearents at center and tackle, and Larry Myers at tailback and wingback.

The Rams feature a straight-T attack. Halfbacks Myron Peterson and Wayne Schneider are the chief threats, and quarterback Freddy Glick is one of the best generals in the league. Glick was injured two weeks ago, but will be ready for action against Montana.

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SILVERTIP SLANTS.....

End John Lands, the nation's eighth best punter, has averaged 41.3 yards on 21 boots this season. Two of these were partially blocked.....Montana has only lost 105 yards in penalties in six games this season to lead the Skyline in this category.....Colorado State has won seven of 10 football games with Montana.....Last Montana victory over the Rams was a 32-31 Homecoming thriller at Missoula in 1953.....The MSU medley swimming team missed the 4:18.6 national medley record by four seconds in their first annual Aquacade last weekend.....Sophomore center Duane Ruegsegger sprained an ankle in basketball practice last week and will miss about two weeks of workouts.

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